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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Record of Communication – meeting with Federal Land Managers

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**TO:** U&O FIP docket

This memorandum is to serve as a record of communication for a meeting that occurred between the Federal Land Managers (FLMs) and US EPA Region 8 on October 20, 2015, from 1-2 p.m.

**Attendees:**

EPA Carl Daly, Air Program Director  
Deirdre Rothery, Air Program  
Monica Morales, Air Program  
Scott Jackson, Air Program  
Cindy Beeler, Energy Advisor  
Jody Ostendorf, Air Program  
Chris Dresser, Air Program  
David Fronczak, NEPA Program  
Kim Varilek, Office of Regional Counsel  
Chris Stoneman, OAQPS

FLMs Meredith Bond, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Catherine Collins, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Timothy Allen, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Leonard Herr, Bureau of Land Management  
Stephanie Howard, Bureau of Land Management  
Jerry Kenczka, Bureau of Land Management  
Mike George, National Park Service  
Susan Johnson, National Park Service  
John Notar, National Park Service  
Helen Kempenich, U.S. Forest Service  
Barkley Sive, University of New Hampshire

## **Summary of Meeting**

The purpose of this meeting was to provide information and gain input from the FLMs on current and planned regulation of existing oil and gas production sources in the Uinta Basin.

EPA provided a brief summary of proposed oil and gas-related national rulemakings that were signed on August 18, 2015: Methane/VOC regulatory updates, the tribal NSR FIP and the definition of source.

EPA discussed approaches for controlling existing sources in Indian Country based on EPA's Tribal Authority Rule (TAR) and the proposed national tribal NSR FIP. The TAR states that, if necessary and appropriate, EPA may issue a site-specific FIP for tribal lands at risk of becoming nonattainment. The proposed Tribal NSR FIP states that "EPA's plan is to address existing sources, to the extent necessary, in the context of area- or reservation-specific FIPS designed address areas or reservations with air quality issues (including nonattainment areas), as they arise, that are associated with oil and natural gas activities."

EPA also presented our understanding of the Oil and Gas Universe in the Uinta Basin, including air quality metrics, oil and gas production data, emissions data, tribal minor source registrations data and data gaps.

The Federal Land Managers raised concerns about being notified if requests are made to put controls on existing sources on federal land; whether EPA is taking similar preventive action in other areas nationally; and why the FIP is not considering NO<sub>x</sub> controls, and is solely focused on VOC reductions.